GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5168
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000
AIR INDIA FLIGHTS FROM RIYADH
SRINIVASULU KALAVA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to introduce Air India flights from Riyadh and Daman to Hyderabad to help 4 lakhs Andhra Pradesh workers staying in Saudi Arabia; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): At present Air India operates 6 flights/week between Riyadh and Mumbai and 7 flights/week between Dammam and India out of which 3 flights each provide convenient connections to Hyderabad. All frontier formalities on these flights can also be completed at Hyderabad. Due to shortage of aircraft capacity, Air India is presently not in a position to operate direct flights to these Stations from Hyderabad.